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INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

Meeting of April 9, 1943

M I N U T E S

PRESENT:

Office of War Information	Mr. Krould
Department of Agriculture	Mr. Shaw
Department of Commerce	Mr. Domeratsky
Treasury Department	Mr. Hoflich
Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs	Mr. Dudley
State Department	Mr. Spaulding
Board of Economic Warfare	Mr. Chaput
Library of Congress	Mr. Kalenich
War Department	Major Hale
Executive Secretary	Mr. Kilgour

The minutes of the meeting of March 26 were read and approved.

Dr. Krould announced that he was going to resign from OWI and that after April 30 he would no longer be representing OWI on the Committee.

Dr. Krould moved that when the votes on a question are not unanimous, the chair will immediately put the question to vote again by calling the roll and will record the "yeses", "noes", and "presents." Mr. Kalenich seconded the motion. The question was put to vote and unanimously approved.

Dr. Domeratsky moved that the Executive Secretary or his alternate shall be an ex-officio member of all sub-committees. Mr. Hoflich seconded the motion. The question was put to vote and unanimously approved.

The chair brought up the problem of determining a security policy for the Interdepartmental Committee's operations. This problem was discussed at length with particular reference being made to the distribution of the Subject Index to libraries outside the Government. It became clear that one of the first steps necessary to determine a security policy would be the establishment of a security classification scheme. Dr. Krould moved that every representative on the Committee should furnish the chairman with the definitions of the security classifications as used in his agency. Dr. Domeratsky seconded the motion. After further discussion, the question was put to vote and unanimously approved.

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Reporting on progress in obtaining air transportation for original publications, the chair stated that Colonel Ireland of the Air Transport Command had granted the Committee 25 kilos per flight from Lisbon with additional publications being put on the planes on the "space available" principle. Since the Portuguese do not allow publications to go out of the country readily, the problem of using a pouch was discussed by Mr. Davis, Mr. Pilcher, and Mr. Spaulding of the State Department and Mr. Kilgour. Mr. Davis was sympathetic to the problem and stated it would be examined objectively. The State Department was assured that it would be reimbursed for all charges that would be incurred by the Committee's use of the Department's transportation facilities. Colonel Ireland also indicated that air transportation from China could be made available.

Dr. Domeratsky said that he felt that the members of the Committee should examine the PROVISIONAL CLASSIFICATION SUMMARY FOR THE MASTER CUMULATIVE FILE OF THE SUBJECT INDEXING SECTION and send their suggestions to the Executive Secretary. It was agreed.

Mr. Shaw moved that the Executive Secretary be authorized to name Dr. Harry J. Krould as his advisor in view of his experience on the Committee and to bring Dr. Krould to the Committee meetings as the Executive Secretary deemed it desirable. Dr. Domeratsky seconded the motion. It was put to vote and unanimously approved.

ADDENDUM

On March 30, 1943 a copy of the following resolution was sent to each Committee member for his signed approval or disapproval. Within a week every copy had been returned, and each member had approved:

Whereas: It is provided in Army Regulations No. 605-10, paragraph 9, section b.(1) that an enlisted man of the Army may be appointed to the Officers' Reserve Corps if

- "(a) Upon appointment the appointee has passed his thirtieth birthday.
- (b) Recommendation is accompanied by satisfactory evidence that the individual possesses special ability of a technical or professional nature qualifying him for duty as a commissioned officer in the particular assignment for which he is recommended.
- (c) His Army General Classification Test score is 110 or higher.
- (d) Recommended individual is in the active military service of the United States and has completed more than 4 months' active military service immediately preceding recommendation for appointment.

(e) Recommended by an examining board"; and

Whereas: Pfc David H. Clift (No. 32423117), who is now head of the Publications Section of the Interdepartmental Committee for the Acquisition of Foreign Publications and who will shortly become the Head of the Committee's Subject Index Section, a section to number 77 people, has at present a grade which definitely reduces his effectiveness in dealing with others, and which in no way corresponds to the extent of his responsibilities in the intelligence work that he is doing; and

Whereas: Pfc. David H. Clift (No. 32423117) has

- (a) Passed his thirty-fifth birthday.
- (b) Special ability of a technical and professional nature qualifying him admirably in his present and future assignment in that having graduated from the Columbia School of Library Service (1931), having been Reference Assistant in the New York Public Library (1931-1937), and having been Assistant to the Director of the Columbia University Libraries (1937-1942), he has administrative experience and ability in addition to a knowledge of the book trade, of library resources, and a technical knowledge of procedures necessary to acquire and process foreign publications, as well as the professional and technical knowledge of methods necessary to index, record, and classify intelligence in foreign, particularly enemy, publications.
- (c) Passed his Army General Classification Test with a score of 135.
- (d) Been on active military service for the past 7 months, having been inducted on August 21, 1942, and has completed basic training; therefore,

Resolved, That the Interdepartmental Committee urgently request the Office of Strategic Services to seek for Pfc. David H. Clift (No. 32423117) an appointment to the Officers' Reserve Corps of a grade corresponding to his responsibilities; and

Resolved, That the Executive Secretary submit this request immediately to the appropriate officials in the Office of Strategic Services.